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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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11 BERNARDO FERNANDEZ,
12 Inmate Booking No. A205-495-281,
13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

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16 SIX UNKNOWN NAMES AGENTS;
17 BARACK OBAMA,
18 Defendants.
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Civil 14cv0626 GPC (MDD)
No.

**ORDER DISMISSING CIVIL
ACTION WITHOUT PREJUDICE
FOR FAILING TO PAY
FILING FEES REQUIRED
BY 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) AND/OR
FAILING TO MOVE TO
PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS
PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)**

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21 Plaintiff, currently detained at the Etowah County Detention Center in Gadsden,
22 Alabama, and proceeding pro se, filed an incomprehensible one-page complaint entitled
23 “Civil Rights Action with the Writ of Summons and Complaint” “under 42 U.S.C.
24 § 1983” on March 17, 2014. (ECF No. 1.)

25 **I. FAILURE TO PAY FILING FEE OR REQUEST IFP STATUS**

26 All parties instituting any civil action, suit or proceeding in any district court of
27 the United States, except an application for writ of habeas corpus, must pay a filing fee
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of \$400. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a).¹ An action may proceed despite a party's failure to pay this filing fee only if the party is granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis ("IFP") pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). See Andrews v. Cervantes, 493 F.3d 1047, 1051 (9th Cir. 2007); Rodriguez v. Cook, 169 F.3d 1176, 1177 (9th Cir. 1999).

Plaintiff has not prepaid the \$400 in filing and administrative fees required to commence a civil action, nor has he submitted a Motion to Proceed IFP pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). Therefore, the case cannot yet proceed. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a); Andrews, 493 F.3d at 1051.

II. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

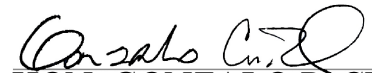
For the reasons set forth above, the Court hereby:

(1) **DISMISSES** this action without prejudice for failing to pay the \$400 civil filing and administrative fee or submit a Motion to Proceed IFP pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) and § 1915(a); and

(2) **GRANTS** Plaintiff **forty five (45)** days from the date this Order is filed to: (a) prepay the entire \$400 civil filing and administrative fee in full; *or* (b) complete and file a Motion to Proceed IFP which includes a certified copy of his trust account statement for the 6-month period preceding the filing of his Complaint. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2); S.D. CAL. CIVLR 3.2(b).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall provide Plaintiff with this Court's approved form "Motion and Declaration in Support of Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis." If Plaintiff fails to either prepay the \$400 civil filing fee or complete and submit the enclosed Motion to Proceed IFP within that time, this action shall remain dismissed without prejudice and without further Order of the Court.

DATED: March 19, 2014


HON. GONZALO P. CURIEL
United States District Judge

¹ In addition to the \$350 statutory fee, all parties filing civil actions on or after May 1, 2013, must pay an additional administrative fee of \$50. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a), (b); Judicial Conference Schedule of Fees, District Court Misc. Fee Schedule, eff. May 1, 2013. However, the additional \$50 administrative fee is waived if the plaintiff is granted leave to proceed IFP. Id.